



**Testimony in Support of
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

March 2, 2016

As a parent of a student at SS. Peter and Paul School, I support S.B. No. 318.

S.S. Peter and Paul School give our family a sense of security. We know our daughter is safe when she is at school and with people who will take care of her as she was their own. We have seen and heard many awful things happening to children in public school. No child or parent should have to be fearful of sending their child to school, and that is exactly how we felt if we had to send our daughter to a public middle school. As a 6th grader, our daughter enjoys drawing, and doing arts and crafts about things a typical eleven year should be thinking about, not about things that can become or are sexual in content. This is why we chose to place our daughter in S.S Peter and Paul School. We did not want her to go to Wallace Middle School and have her innocence taken away. At S.S Peter and Paul School she can be herself and not have to prove herself, or get into fights or be bullied. She is able to stay a kid, along with her classmates, for a little while longer, something our youth of today has been robbed of. Everything in life has its given time to learn and S.S. Peter and Paul helps us as parents to give our daughter that chance to slowly blossom into a young lady with a good head on her shoulders.

We wish every child is able to have this opportunity, not only for the experience of the academic advantage, but also for the teachings of compassion and sense of community, that children in public schools do not experience unless they are taught this at home. If we could, we would also have our grandchildren attend S.S. Peter and Paul School.

One of our vehicles has just broken down and we are now a one vehicle family. We are very fortunate to live down the street from S.S. Peter and Paul School, otherwise we would have no other way to have her attend school. If we lived farther and there were no bus transportation then how would she be able to get to school. And as a tax payer, part of my taxes are used to pay for public education and public transportation. We do not use either right now, but it is good to know it is there when we need it.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

Maribel & Carmelo Cheverez: Parents of Natalie Cheverez